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## GOVERNMENT ATTACKS HUMAN RIGHTS

Ontario's Conservative government has stripped resources and support from the Ontario Human Rights Commission (OHRC) for the first time since it was created 35 years ago.

While Premier Mike Harris promised during last year's election campaign to strengthen human rights, he has presided over the elimination of the Employment Equity Act and budget cuts for the OHRC.

The government closed regional offices in St. Catharines, Kitchener, Sault Ste. Marie and Kenora. Five per cent of commission staff will be laid off.

These factors will worsen the backlogs, always a problem at the OHRC, OFL president Wilson wrote to Harris, "Victims of discrimination will once again face lengthy delays amounting, as it always does, to the denial of justice."

Wilson called on the Premier to live up to his campaign promise to strengthen the OHRC by restoring funding and staff.

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